

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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BRODEN, CRAYCRAFT,
HOWARD, HUME, LANANE,
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YOUNG, R.

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on _____



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Whereas, the utility industry provides electric, natural gas, telecommunications and water and wastewater services to residential, commercial, and industrial customers in Indiana; and

Whereas, utility services are vital to the health, safety, and economic well-being of Hoosiers; and

Whereas, the Indiana Code states, "Every utility is required to furnish reasonably adequate service and facilities"; and

Whereas, the utility industry is in a state of reorganization and consolidation; and

Whereas, the changes in the utility industry may detrimentally impact the ability of utilities to meet their statutory charge; and

Whereas, the closure and relocation of customer service centers, maintenance divisions, and other utility operations places the public welfare at risk; and



Whereas, public utility holding companies own and operate numerous subsidiaries that are both regulated utilities and unregulated entities; and

Whereas, public utility holding companies in every sector of the utility industry are consolidating through mergers and acquisitions; and

Whereas, the Indiana Supreme Court has held that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission does not have the authority to approve or reject a merger involving a public utility holding company operating a subsidiary utility within Indiana; and

Whereas, utility customers in the State of Indiana have been and will be impacted by the reorganization and consolidation of the utility industry; and

Whereas, Indiana law requires utility companies to provide adequate service at rates that are just and reasonable; therefore:

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. That the General Assembly of the State of Indiana is concerned with the consolidation and reorganization within the utility industry.

SECTION 2. That the General Assembly of the State of Indiana opposes any action by utility companies that places the public welfare at risk through diminished quality of service.

SECTION 3. That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to Chairman William McCarty of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and Utility Consumer Counselor Anne Becker.



